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Casa Abrego (CAL-139)

History: One of the most historical adobes in Monterey, it was built in 1835 by Don Jose Abrego, a Spanish merchant who came to Monterey from Mexico in 1834 with colonists under Jose Maria Hijar on the vessel "La Natalie" on which it is said Napoleon escaped from Isle of Elba. This vessel was wrecked at Monterey in 1835 and some of the timbers were used in his house. In 1836 married Josefa Estrada and moved into house where (Over)

he had been conducting business. Acted as Treasurer for Alto California until American occupation July. 1846. Imported one of first three pianos to Calif. General Vallejo purchased one. The third to Los Angeles. Description: One-story street-corner adobe with shingle gable roof shedding over veranda and supported by wood chamfered posts. Board and batton gable ends. French doors open to veranda which is closed in wood railing. References: WPA Historical Survey of Monterey, File 43. Historic Spots in California - Hoover & Rensch. Prepared by: A. Lewis Koue, AIA, Oakland, California June 1962 HANNAFORD SPAN. COL. OR ADOBE ARCH., P 38-41

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